

**SALEM COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 16, 2006 MINUTES**

Director Ware opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Director Ware then stated that adequate notice pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act has been given of this meeting by forwarding notice thereof to Today's Sunbeam and Elmer Times Co., and also by posting notice thereof on the bulletin board in the Salem County Court House, in the Pilesgrove Twp. Municipal Bldg., the Ware Bldg., and the Salem County Administration Building; and by filing notice thereof in the Offices of the Salem County Clerk and the Clerk of the Board, with the Clerk of Pilesgrove Twp., and the Secretary for the Salem County Agricultural Advisory board, all having been done at least 48 hours in advance.

On roll call, the following Freeholders were present: Freeholder Bobbitt, Freeholder Timberman, Freeholder Lindenmuth, Freeholder Sullivan, Freeholder Simmermon, Freeholder Bestwick, and Director Ware.

Freeholder Bobbitt made a motion to adopt resolution Number 212-2006 to move the meeting into closed session to discuss contract negotiations for the expenditure of public funds. The motion was seconded by Freeholder Sullivan. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0. Closed session was entered at 7:34, and included the Salem County Agricultural Development Board, the Pilesgrove Township Agricultural Advisory Committee, Chris Warren (Pilesgrove Twp.), representatives Craft and Giles from the State of New Jersey. It should also be noted that Freeholder Bobbitt did not participate in the closed session.

At 9:00 PM the Board of Chosen Freeholders resumed open session, taking questions from the public.

Cheryl Reardon identified herself and questioned what was happening next, and what the result of the closed session was. Director Ware responded that the closed session was very fruitful, and that no action will be taken tonight.

Freeholder Bobbitt moved that the Board return to closed session with just the Salem County Agricultural Board, seconded by Freeholder Bobbitt. On roll call, the motion carried a vote of 7-0. Freeholder Bobbitt again did not participate.

The Freeholder Board emerged from closed session at 10:10 PM. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, which carried a vote of 6-0.

Respectively submitted,

Earl R. Gage
Clerk of the Board
